Winter returns to northern Britain

11 March 2011 - Our forecasters are predicting the return of snow to parts of northern Britain for the weekend, bringing the risk of some travel disruption.

Rain is expected to turn to snow over parts of Northern Ireland, northern England and southern Scotland overnight into Saturday, before spreading north across the central belt of Scotland during the day.

Met Office Chief Forecaster, Tony Waters said: "The heaviest snowfall on Friday night and Saturday is expected over the higher ground of southern and central Scotland, where a covering of up to 30 cm is possible by the end of Saturday. At lower levels the snow is likely to be slushy on main routes but we could still see 5 to 10 cm of snow by the end of the day."

The snow is expected to move north to affect parts of the Highlands and Grampians during Sunday, with the potential for blizzard conditions and significant drifting likely on the mountains.

Tony Waters continued: "If you are heading into the mountains this weekend please keep up to date with the latest Met Office mountain area forecasts"

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